

Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, February 3, 2014

Chairman Merrow called the meeting to order at 4:15 PM. Present were Selectmen Harry Merrow, Robert Freeman and Richard Morgan, and Ellen White who recorded the minutes.

Selectman Freeman made a motion to approve the minutes of the 1/27/2014 meeting. Selectman Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received the Highway Department work logs for the weeks ending 1/18/14, 1/25/14 and 2/1/14.

Selectman Merrow made a motion to sign a letter in support of Ossipee Concerned Citizen's Meals on Wheels program for a grant they are applying for. Selectman Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Selectman Merrow made a motion to appoint Ellen White as authorized representative for the milfoil grant application. Selectman Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Raffle Permit Application from the School's Out! Program for a raffle they are having on 4/4/14. Selectman Merrow made a motion to approve the application. Selectman Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The accounts payable voucher for the week ending 2/3/14 was submitted in the amount of \$4,869.38. Selectman Merrow made a motion to approve and sign the voucher. Selectman Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The payroll voucher for the week ending 2/3/14 was submitted in the amount of \$111,392.07. Selectman Merrow made a motion to approve and sign the voucher. Selectman Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A vacation request was received and approved.

The Board received a copy of a check from Northeast Recovery in the amount of \$1,380.37 for December recycling. Selectman Morgan asked how long the contract is with Northeast Recovery. Brad Harriman answered that we are in year two of a three-year contract.

The Board received a Timber Tax Warrant in the amount of \$0 as no timber was cut during the operation. Selectman Merrow made a motion to sign the warrant. Selectman Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Timber Tax Warrant in the amount of \$1,066.20. Selectman Merrow made a motion to sign the warrant. Selectman Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An invoice from Calico Graphics was resubmitted for clarification on whose budget would be charged for clothing purchased. Selectman Merrow stated it should be charged to the Zoning Officer's budget.

The Board received a letter from Health Trust requesting appointment as Joint Authorization and Power of Attorney to handle the unemployment compensation coverage for the Town. Selectman Merrow made a motion to sign the request. Selectman Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Warrant to post the voting for Executive Councilor on 3/11/14. Selectman Merrow made a motion to sign the Warrant. Selectman Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Selectman Merrow made the following announcements of upcoming events:

- Candidate's Night will be 3/3/14 at 6:30 PM at the Town Hall
- Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office will be closed for renovations 2/14/14 through 2/17/2014, reopening on 2/18/14.

Selectman Morgan stated that the Board is in the process of reviewing and revising the welfare guidelines and will be continuing the process next week. He also stated the Board and Fire Chiefs met to make further revisions to the ambulance contract and a contract should be in place, subject to approval, at Town Meeting.

Discussion was made about broken ceiling tiles and light guards in the gym ceiling. Selectman Freeman asked Harriman to make the necessary replacements and to speak with Peter Waugh to address the issue.

Brad Harriman reported that he met with the engineer on the Whittier Covered Bridge. The final design will be submitted by 2/13/14. It will then be submitted for review by the engineer and to DOT for approval.

There was nothing new to report on the intersections of Routes 171 & 28.

Selectman Freeman questioned the status of the Transfer Station fee signs. Harriman replied that he was waiting to see the outcome of the town budget given the proposed cuts that had been previously suggested by the Budget Committee.

Selectman Morgan reported that the Budget Committee recommended the Selectmen's budget request in a 5-4 vote at their last workshop. He announced the Public Hearing on 2/5/14 to be an opportunity for questions about the budget rather than tying up time at Town Meeting. He requested White send notification to all department heads requesting their presence at the Public Hearing to answer any questions that may come up about their budget. White stated that there is a snow date for the Public Hearing of 2/6/14. "Ski" Kwiatkowski asked the location of the Public Hearing. Merrow answered that it will be at the Town Hall.

White reported that the Town Report is currently being proofread and she hopes to have it to the printer next Wednesday for return delivery on 2/26/14. She added that Minuteman Press will be printing and binding the reports due to time constraints.

Selectman Merrow made a motion to appoint Ellen White as Health Officer. Selectman Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Discussion was made about a prior Right-to-Know request received from Mellisa Seamans to review the non-public minutes from the past three years. Merrow requested that White gather the minutes for the Board to review over the next few weeks.

Brad Harriman reported that all trucks are running at full strength after recent repairs were made, just in time for this week's storm.

This concluded the business portion of the meeting and Merrow opened the meeting to public input.

“Ski” Kwiatkowski stated that Martha Eldridge had been previously appointed as contact person for the Water Bond and asked if that appointment should also be changed. Merrow asked Kwiatkowski for a written request from the Water & Sewer Department to make the change.

Fritz Heckel announced that he was in attendance thinking his abatement application would be reviewed by the Board at this meeting. Heckel stated that he met with the Assessor and thought that there would be a request made for changes they had discussed. Selectman Morgan stated that they had not received anything from the Assessor yet. Morgan further stated that the Board typically follows the recommendations of the Assessor.

Condict Billings asked the status of the Lord Scholarship. Selectman Merrow stated he had no update and would try to follow up on it Thursday. Billings further stated that there had been no recipients from Ossipee in the past three years.

“Ski” Kwiatkowski reported that he had forwarded the letter on the Moving Wall to the VFW Commander.

Being no further input, Selectman Merrow made a motion to adjourn. Selectman Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Adjourned at 4:40 PM.

Harry C. Merrow

Robert C. Freeman

Richard H. Morgan

To be approved 2/10/14

